



STUDENTS' EXPERIMENT STATION, HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Lamson Normal School, Marshallville, Ga.

Mrs. A. W. Richardson, Principal



Mrs. Anna W. Richardson

LAMSON NORMAL SCHOOL was founded in 1885 by a young woman, now Mrs. A. W. Richardson. Property value, \$2,500. Expenses, \$1,500, secured from the A. M. A., public funds, and donations.

Sixty male and 140 female students in 1908. Ages from six to eighteen years. Six female Negro teachers.

In 1862, a little girl was born in slavery a few hundred yards from the site of the present Lamson school. The white people to whom her mother belonged were very kind, and the young ladies of the house taught Anna to read and write.

In the summer of her twelfth year, a school for colored people, and taught by a colored woman, was opened in the town. Anna attended. The next year, she passed an examination of the County School Commissioner and was given a school to teach.

In September, she went to Atlanta University. An opportunity was given her to work out half of her expenses. At the end of six happy years, health and sight failed.

After being at home three months, a friend sent her to Boston. She was taken into a physician's family, cared for as one of its members, and treated free of charge.

At the Y. W. C. A. she met Miss Kate G. Lamson. She attended the Girls' High and Latin School two years. Was graduated from Atlanta University in 1885.

She soon opened a school in Georgia in a small, dilapidated room. Money for a school building was furnished through Miss Lamson and other friends in Boston. The King's Daughters of the Y. W. C. A. became responsible for salary.

In 1886, the teacher was married to E. S. Richardson. The A. M. A. now has the school under its care. Pupils are taught the essentials of housekeeping. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and the school stand for Christian homes and virtuous living.